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THE wool grown annually on Missouri sheep would clothe an army of 279,028 men, but if free trade democrats could have their way it would not sell for enough to pay the keep of the sheep.

FORMER Governor Folk, who appealed to the people of Missouri to support him for governor "without reference to party lines," has recently said that democratic candidates should be named for every office and supported loyally for the party's sake. Usually the demagogue decries party lines when he wants an office to which his party cannot elect him and stands for strict party lines when he needs a party nomination.

DURING the state campaign last year the republican state committee, through the speakers in the field, the press bureau and the literature sent out, emphasized the fact that the main issue was honest elections in the big cities. The republican nominee, Herbert S. Hadley, made an insistent demand for honest elections and promised that if elected governor he would exert every possible effort to guarantee to every honest citizen the right to cast one ballot and have it honestly counted. He will accomplish what he promised.

TIMES have certainly changed in Grand Old Missouri. A few years ago the republican newspapers were criticising democratic governors because they appointed police and election commissioners in Kansas City and St. Louis who permitted groups of repeaters to drive honest citizens from the polls, to vote as often as they pleased and to stuff ballot boxes without fear of prosecution. Now the democratic newspapers, and particularly the corporation controlled Kansas City Post, are abusing Governor Hadley because he insists that the Kansas City board of election commissioners shall prepare to give the people of that city honest elections or resign.

THERE is no prospect of democratic success in Kansas City without the aid of the police and the saloon keepers. The police are under control of a republican police board and the policemen have been forbidden to meddle in partisan politics and ordered to see to it that no man known to be a fraudulent voter is permitted to enter the polling booths. Saloon keepers must not attempt to co-operate with the element that corrupts elections and have been shown that they cannot safely attempt to dominate city politics. The democratic city politicians are mad—very mad—mad at Governor Hadley and the men he has appointed on the police board. They are threatening the governor and suing one of the commissioners. The St. Louis Republic and other democratic organs are trying to create the impression that the governor has done something revolutionary in Kansas City for the sake of his own party. The people of the state know what the governor has done and why he did it. They know that he will compel an honest registration and honest elections, and that he has prevented the democratic mayor and his henchmen from gaining political control of the saloons. The people cannot be fooled about the situation in Kansas City. They know what the governor is doing there and are applauding every move he makes. He will redeem Kansas City.

HORN OF PLENTY SPILLS OVER U. S.

Business Activity in Every Section Causes Cry for More Workers

The tide of prosperity already is setting in all over the country. From every section and nearly every trade comes a report of confidence restored and the eager looking forward to the good times that are sure to come with the resumption of business after summer.

Even now, when the vacation season is still on, the commercial activity of the country is greater than usual, and the wholesalers find a much larger number of buyers visiting the important centers and a remarkable willingness among them to place orders.

The New York Times publishes a series of statements written by the editors of leading trade publications in the country. They are men who have their fingers on the pulse of trade, and watch week by week its fluctuations, with no other idea than to collect reliable data for the guidance of their clients. They are thoroughly posted on all that goes on in the commercial world. The universal note of their statements is optimism for the immediate future.

Reports from New England show that the settlement of the tariff has assured a period of development for the manufacturers. In particular the admission of hides free has encouraged shoe men, and heavy duties on woollens and cottons will help the textile manufacturers.

The south rejoices that, just as it began to take on a new industrial life, it has shown that it can weather a financial storm. It passed through the panic period successfully and now looks forward to a time of expansion such as it never yet has known.

The west thinks of its crops. They are expected this year to pass the eight billion dollar mark and to be worth nearly \$325,000,000 more than last year. With prices of stocks what they are, the farmers see nothing but prosperity before them, and the millers think they now have an opportunity for resuming their export trade.

Other industries are in equally healthful condition. Miners in general are active and feel that the stringency of the last year or two has shaken out most of the wildcat schemes which injured the general reputation of their business. The coal owners expect that the general increase of industrial activity will cause a revival in demand for bituminous coal. Iron works find that orders are coming in more freely.

Railroads are placing more orders and inquiries for structural materials show that business is also looking up. Lumbermen watch the resumption of large schemes with hope and foresee in the taking up again of public improvements a generous demand for their commodity.

Railroad construction, it is expected, will be carried on in the near future at almost the same rate as before the panic. Moreover, a healthy feature is the steady improvement in railroad terminals and in the equipment of roads with proper signaling systems. The undertaking of such work, on which there is no immediate return, shows that the companies feel that their returns are satisfactory enough to permit them to lay aside large amounts of capital for the permanent improvement of their tracks.

The retailers have lived from hand to mouth, and have taken from the factories only what has been absolutely necessary for the current trade. Consequently their stocks have been low and in the last few months have been almost

depleted. But now the public has more money to spend, buyers are adopting a more liberal policy. They are in the market to buy for fall trade, and all along the line it is declared that they are spending much more freely than a year ago.

The clothing business is in a flourishing condition. So great is the demand for goods of quality from out of the way districts that manufacturers find it of advantage to send their commercial travelers to points never before covered. Moreover, collections are excellent, many firms meeting their obligations on ten day discounts in order to obtain the benefit of their ready cash.

Yet there is no likelihood of boom conditions. Retailers have learned the dangers of speculation and are taking what they foresee they actually will need. They are building up an absolutely solid business structure, which will withstand any chance setback that may occur before the full expansion of trade is realized.

The settlement of the tariff enables the commercial world to go ahead with confidence. It has released the tea and coffee markets from the uncertainty that had paralyzed them. It has guaranteed an increase in the oriental rug imports. It has caused dry goods prices to stiffen. Business failures of the past month were below the average, and already there is a cry from the west for more labor.

This, in short, is a summary of the views submitted by those in touch with the various lines of business who have been asked for opinions. They represent every section of the country and almost all the departments of commerce.

Beswick-Trippeer

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Catherine Trippeer, in Linneus last Wednesday morning occurred the marriage of Miss Rose Trippeer to George W. Beswick, principal of the Clinton high school. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. C. Powell, pastor of the Laclede M. E. church, in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends. After the wedding, dainty refreshments were served and Mr. and Mrs. Beswick immediately departed on their honeymoon, which will be spent in Kansas City, Liberty and Pertle Springs. They will be at home at Clinton after September 1. The bride is well known and highly respected in Laclede, having taught in the public school here, and the groom is a prominent man in the educational world. THE BLADE joins in extending congratulations and best wishes. The following from Laclede attended the wedding: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barton, Mrs. Etta Foreman, E. R. Barton, Geo. W. Diemer, H. W. Lomax and Misses Jean Jardine and Nellie Barber.

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Ingrowing Nails, Perhaps.

A man who can fall 3,500 feet out of a balloon and hit the earth so lightly as to injure neither himself nor the ground is not immortal, of course, but it would be interesting to know just what will finally carry him off.

Maybe He Does.

When we remember that a woodpecker often works his way into a tree with his bill, we wonder that a woodpecker doesn't have headache constantly.—Atchison Globe.

Consolation of Wise Men.

It is from books that wise men derive consolation in the troubles of life.—Vistor Hugo.

War Cry Affrighted Heathens.

Alleluia or Hallelujah Victory was a victory by the Saxons under St. Germanus over the Picts and Britons. The Christians all shouted "Alleluia!" and so terrified the heathen that they took to flight.

And So Many Do.

"Dar ain' no doubt," said Uncle Eben, "dat money does mo' harm dan good to a man dat regards it simply as a license to git proud an' foolish."

Shoes of Ancient Jews.

Shoes among the ancient Jews were made of leather, linen, rush, or wood; and soldiers' shoes were sometimes made of brass or iron.

Law of Nature.

No life lightens the world without consuming itself.—Chicago Tribune

Good Advice.

Don't be "consistent," but only true.—Holmes.